

1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The School Code is amended by adding Sections
5 10-20.37 and 34-18.26 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/10-20.37 new)

7 Sec. 10-20.37. Summer kindergarten. A school board may
8 establish, maintain, and operate, in connection with the
9 kindergarten program of the school district, a summer
10 kindergarten program that begins 2 months before the
11 beginning of the regular school year and a summer
12 kindergarten program for grade one readiness for those pupils
13 making unsatisfactory progress during the regular
14 kindergarten session that will continue for 2 months after
15 the regular school year. The summer kindergarten program may
16 be held within the school district or, pursuant to a contract
17 that must be approved by the State Board of Education, may be
18 operated by 2 or more adjacent school districts or by a
19 public or private university or college. Transportation for
20 students attending the summer kindergarten program shall be
21 the responsibility of the school district. The expense of
22 establishing, maintaining, and operating the summer
23 kindergarten program may be paid from funds contributed or
24 otherwise made available to the school district for that
25 purpose by federal or State appropriation.

26 (105 ILCS 5/34-18.26 new)

27 Sec. 34-18.26. Summer kindergarten. The board may
28 establish, maintain, and operate, in connection with the
29 kindergarten program of the school district, a summer
30 kindergarten program that begins 2 months before the

1 beginning of the regular school year and a summer
2 kindergarten program for grade one readiness for those pupils
3 making unsatisfactory progress during the regular
4 kindergarten session that will continue for 2 months after
5 the regular school year. The summer kindergarten program may
6 be held within the school district or, pursuant to a contract
7 that must be approved by the State Board of Education, may be
8 operated by 2 or more adjacent school districts or by a
9 public or private university or college. Transportation for
10 students attending the summer kindergarten program shall be
11 the responsibility of the school district. The expense of
12 establishing, maintaining, and operating the summer
13 kindergarten program may be paid from funds contributed or
14 otherwise made available to the school district for that
15 purpose by federal or State appropriation.

16 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
17 becoming law.